

VOL. 6---NO. 29

100 Bush St. Uboe Salt.
100 Bush. Cadiz salt.

R. T. MILLER,
Broadwater street.

RAGS, &C.
ESUBSCRIBER will give the high-
est cash prices for rags and old metals or
recycling.

TERSE DILWORTH, Wide Water st.
to Ferguson & Wilkinson's Auc. store:
Bk., Va., Nov. 27, 1855.

SPED AND PLAID SWISS MUSLIN,
y 81 25 per piece of 10 yards, cheapest
ever seen in Norfolk. The Bee Hive is the
mark of course.

JAMES SMITH,
33 Main street.

KEEP POSTED!
100 Juniper Posts, on hand, and for
sale by
W. T. & J. N. HINTON.



TUESDAY MORNING, Jan. 29, 1856.

VIRGINIA KNOW-NOTHINGISM.

We have before referred to the war of the rival factions of this peculiar organization, which has been going on in the Old Dominion for some weeks past. Mr. Botts and the anti-twelfth section-Philadelphia platform wing, who desire to ignore the slavery question altogether, leading off on one side, and the Richmond *Whig* and the advocates of the slavery section of that platform filling off on the other? We have informed our readers that Mr. Botts had been nominated for the Presidency by the combined Councils of the City of Richmond, and that the *Whig* had pronounced this action of the Councils an unmitigated fraud upon the great majority of Know-Nothing voters in that city and State. The *Whig*, therefore, appealed from the action of the Councils to the decision of the masses—and a Convention was accordingly called to test the sense of the Know-Nothing upon this important move. That Convention has been held, and its official proceedings are now before us.

The *Whig* was right—Botts was floored—instead of "ignoring" slavery, the Convention "ignored" Botts! Botts was there in person—he offered a series of resolutions himself, and supported them in a characteristic epical, but it availed him nothing—the vice-pullers of the "combined Councils" were routed home, foot and dragons. Right in the teeth of the opposition of Botts and his supporters, the Convention adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Council do hereby adopt the entire Platform adopted by the National American Council at Philadelphia, June 12th, 1855.

The effect of all this, as is usually the case wherever Botts is in the melee, a beautiful "row in the camp." The Know-Nothing papers are hot and furious over the discussions in their ranks. Some are triumphant—a few mad as sore-headed bears over their disfigurement, and others dejected. The Bedford (Va.) *Sentinel*, for example, a staunch Know-Nothing organ, attacks no sort of consequence to any resolutions or proceedings of Virginia Know-Nothing, and clearly foretells the wreck of "the American party of the Union" through the instrumentality of "a few impracticable politicians." The *Sentinel* of last week spoke gloomily as follows:

There are some other persons whom we should infinitely prefer to see placed in that high position (the Presidency), rather than John Minor Botts; but, at the same time, we will not conceal the fact that we would suit us much better than any Locofoco now living.

Any resolutions passed by the American party in Virginia, are, to make the most disquisitions on the "rule" and lengthly time mispent; or part just that much controversy and, as for the angry counter-argument, and as for the angry counter-argument, they are simple absurdities.

The *Whig* party in Virginia did the talk of kind of business in the way of bragging and passing resolutions, but, alas! when the time for action came, "they were not there!" So, we fear, it will be with the American party in the State—just as long as the Tenth Legion retains its present locality, and the return of the school-master from abroad is delayed, just so long will Locofocoism be triumphant in the old Commonwealth. For the minority party of this State to attempt to dictate to the majority in other States, is sheer presumption, and the fact that we are unable to manage our party affairs successfully in the few counties in which we have the preponderance, affords the clearest presumptive evidence that we have no business to attempt directing the affairs of those who have been successful in managing their own concerns. We have no disposition to see Virginia "a heaver of wood and drawer of water" for others, but we are equally unwilling to see a few impracticable politicians wreck the American party of the Union.

The *Whig* says: "In short, Botts, and Botts' backers, and Botts' views, and Botts' aspirations were all 'floored,' and there they will lie back to the earth, until Botts' few friends shall trundle Botts' carcass into Botts' final resting place."

We are indebted to Senator Biggs, of this State, for a Report of the Commerce and Navigation of the United States for the years ending 30th June, 1855—a book full of very useful statistics, for which he will please accept our thanks.

We have received a neat pamphlet copy of the "Transactions of the sixth Annual Meeting of the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina," held at Salisbury, N. C., May 5, 1855.

The "Leigh House" will be opened with a supper and cotillion party on the evening of the 31st inst., as will be seen by reference to our advertising columns.

Sudden Death.—At the Franklin Hotel, in Southampton, Va., on the night of the 17th inst. Dr. Wm. A. Armistead, of Bertie, N. C., died under distressing circumstances. He had visited the Virginia Institute to see a sick relative, and returned to the Hotel about 7 o'clock in the evening. Friday he was a corpse. Dissection of the heart was believed to be the cause of his death.

CONGRESS.

No Speaker has as yet been elected in the House of Representatives, though the personal aspect of the matter has been somewhat changed since our last. Mr. Richardson, the Democratic candidate, has unconditionally withdrawn his name, and the Hon. Mr. Orr, of South Carolina, has been substituted in his place by the Democratic members. Mr. Fuller, the Know-Nothing candidate, has also withdrawn his name, and the few followers he had have scattered in different directions. The last ballot which we have received resulted as follows: Banks, 96 Orr 68, Fuller 12, Ricard 18, Campbell 3, scattering. Necessary to a choice 102.

In the Senate, on the 24th the proceedings were of an interesting character. Mr. Clayton presented a communication from the President, transmitting a copy of a letter from Lord John Russell to Mr. Crampton dated January 19th, 1855, in which Lord Russell declared that the British government intended to adhere strictly to the treaty of Washington of April, 1850, and would not assume any sovereignty, directly or indirectly, in Central America.

Mr. Clayton moved that the communication be printed. Mr. Clayton expatiated on the usurpations of Great Britain and the tortuous diplomacy of her ministry, stigmatizing it as monstrous, disgraceful.

Mr. Cass desired to speak, but not being well, yielded the floor to Mr. Mason, who thought debate not now exactly proper, either from the condition of the question or of the country, and before the action of the executive. When the question was presented to Congress in a tangible form, there would be no difference of opinion as to the duty incumbent on this government. England will be held to a strict performance of her treaty obligations.

Mr. Seward agreed that debate should not be indulged in until the House was organized; still he thought there should be no unnecessary delay in the settlement of the controversy.

Mr. Cass saw no reason why the subject should not be fully discussed, but he moved to postpone its further consideration until Monday. The motion was agreed to.

A message was received from the President in relation to Kansas affairs. It urgently recommends the adoption of such measures as the exigency appears to require. The President states that the organization of Kansas is attended by serious difficulties and embarrassments, partly from the local administration, and partly from the unjustifiable interference so far from the inhabitants of some of the States, with views foreign to the interests and rights of that territory.

The late Governor, or, instead of using constant vigilance in the exercise of his duties, allowed his attention to be diverted from official obligations by other objects, himself setting an example of violation of law and duty, which led the President to remove him. The President alludes to the misdirected zeal of propagandist emigration, and the clashing of slavery and anti-slavery interests, as the cause of mischief. He emphatically condemns all efforts to anticipate or force the determination of that question in this inchoate State. The first Legislative Assembly was, for all practical purposes, a lawful body. He condemns the formation of the Free State Constitution; says the movement was revolutionary in its character, but, if it reaches the point of organized resistance to the constitutional authorities, it will become treasonable insurrection; and it becomes the duty of the General Government to suppress it. He concludes by saying, if the inhabitants of Kansas shall desire a State Constitution and be sufficient in numbers, the proper course will be to form a Convention. He recommends the enactments of law to that effect; and also recommends a special appropriation to defray any expenses which may become requisite to execute the laws and maintenance of public order in the territory of Kansas.

The message was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Democratic State Convention. Wednesday, the 16th of April, has been fixed upon as the time for the meeting of this body; and it is important that primary meetings should be held and delegations appointed to represent the Democracy of the several counties in it. The duty will devolve upon this body to nominate a candidate for the office of Governor, appoint delegates from the State at large to the National Democratic Convention, and organize for the approaching State and Presidential elections.

We trust that our friends will bear these things in mind; and that meetings will be held in the several counties during the weeks in which Courts are to be held between this and the time of the meeting of the Convention. Let us organize thoroughly—bear ourselves bravely in the contest, and victory will again perch upon our proud banner, as of yore.

BRIDAL PRESENTS.—A correspondent of the Charleston Courier writing from New York, says: An aggregate of \$26,000 is said to have been trinketed in to the daughter of ex-Mayor Mickle, on her marriage to a son of ex-Mayor Lawrence. I saw, only this morning, at Ball, Black & Co.'s an \$8,500 diamond necklace, just mounted as a bride's present; also, a brooch at Tiffany & Co.'s, costing \$4,000, intended as a present to another bride.—This is about up to the Baylonian mark.

We have been "thrown back" very much this week by sickness in our office and by the intensely cold weather. We hope to get right by next Tuesday.

AMERICAN STATE PAPERS.

Mr. May's letter to the Danish government on the Sound dues, commanded much attention in Europe, particularly in England, (says the Philadelphia Ledger.) The London Times speaks of them as "forcing up the fallacy of Denmark's arguments, and wonders that Danish diplomacy should give him such an advantage. It advises that government to take a lower ground, not the right to control the navigation of the Sound because it holds the Strait, but a right to demand payment for the facilities it has extended to commerce, and the increased safety thereby given to navigation. The Shipping Gazette regards as praiseworthy the determination with which the administration at Washington has handled this subject, and the practical way in which they have dealt with the continued vacillations of the Danish court. The strengthening course of the Secretary of State, his clear views, mainly true and strong argument, have made a marked impression upon the minds of European statesmen and governments. The justice of his arguments are admitted, even among those with whom long prescription is equal to natural right.

DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO BREAK DOWN THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.—A friend in Congress has sent us a list of the members of the House of Representatives, showing the party complexion of that body, which has been carefully prepared and which we are assured is perfectly accurate and reliable. We have not room for its insertion to-day; but it discloses the telling fact, that of the whole number of members of the House, one hundred and twenty-one are Know-Nothings, being a clear majority of three of the whole House. Whatever be the pretences on which the Know-Nothing organization is built, every body knows that its real object is to break down the Democratic party. Nothing could exemplify the fact more conclusively than the vote of the Southern members of this Congress on the Northern Abolition organization. They dare not vote with their Abolition associates of the North; and, if they were actuated by anything but the desperate purpose of breaking down the Democratic party, they would readily vote for the Democratic candidate in his death struggle for the constitutional rights of the South. The leading object of Black Know Nothing and Know Nothing Republicans of the North is to break down the Democratic party. To this end they are tending all their energies as the secret means of breaking down the Constitution, and the Southern Know Nothings stand off in armed neutrality in the hope of seeing the patriots well done.—*Rich. Examiner.*

GENERAL SECRETARY-SENATOR DAVIS.—The State of Mississippi has commissioned the Hon. Jefferson Davis as United States Senator from the 4th of March, 1857. So, on the very last day of the Administration of General Pierce, the honored Secretary of War will step from his department, which he has conducted with such distinguished ability, into the Senate, where a few years since his eloquence, and wisdom, and patriotism, became a part of history.

His election should be hailed with one acclaim by the whole State, and by every true man in the nation who admires bravery in the field, an illustrated statesmanship in the Senate, and the firm, honest, economical discharge of administrative duties. General Davis will have the privilege of advising, in the Senate, upon the nomination of his own successor in the War Department, under the next President.

A CARD. The undersigned feel constrained by a sense of duty and of self-respect to explain our position with reference to a card published in the "Sentinel" of Saturday last, over the signatures of eight of the resident Physicians of this Town, among them, Mr. Estlin Sikes, where he has laid in a large of well selected and attractive series of **Military Goods, Bonnets, Ribbons, Artificial Flowers, &c.**

In addition to her own stock, she has bought out the entire stock of Mrs. Sarah Laboyteux, just received from the North, which, together with the largest and most attractive assortment of Military Goods ever offered in this Town. Ladies desirous of obtaining the latest and most approved styles of Bonnets, Ribbons, &c., will find it to their interest to give me a call.

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THE LEIGH HOUSE. The subscriber having taken charge of the new Hotel now being finished, will open the same on the 31st inst. Upon the occasion of opening, a SUPPER and COTILLON party will be given, to which the public generally are invited.

EDWIN BERRY.

MECHANIC'S HOTEL,

ELIZABETH CITY, N. C. The subscriber announces to the public that he has taken the spacious house formerly kept by Elihu Williams, dec'd, and opened it for the accommodation of the public. He is now prepared to accommodate from twenty to twenty-five boarders comfortably. His table shall at all times be supplied with the best market will afford, and every effort will be made to give entire satisfaction to all who may favor him with their patronage.

TERMS: Board, per day, 75 " " week, 3.50 " " month, 16.66 S. M. S. DAVIS, Proprietor. Jan. 29—1y

WOOD! WOOD! WOOD!!! THE SUBSCRIBER has made engagements for 500 cords of hard wood, which can be had at their wharf during the winter at \$3 per cord, cash.

W. T. & J. M. HINTON.

VALENTINES! VALENTINES!!!

VICKERY & GRIFFITH would call the attention of those interested, to their splendid assortment of Valentines for the ensuing festival, (14th February.)

SENTIMENTAL VALENTINES, which range from 6 cents to \$5, each of which will be found to excel any previous season.

ENVELOPES, beautifully enveloped to suit the above at various prices.

COMIC VALENTINES, embracing every trade and profession, in large variety.

N. B.—Country Merchants sending their orders, accompanied by the cash, can have them billed and sent to any part of the country.

VICKERY & GRIFFITH, Booksellers, Stationers, and Blank Book Manufacturers. Jan 29 Norfolk Va.

REDUCED—JANUARY 21st. FROM and after to-day we will call all our very heavy goods at greatly reduced prices. Those who wish to purchase overcoats, thick pants &c., will do well to call soon. Our object in this is to sell out every article of goods that we have that is exclusively for winter wear, so that we may make room for a magnificent Spring and Summer stock.

FRANK VAUGHAN & Co. Jan. 22, 1856.—Sentinel copy.

EMBROIDERIES, EMBROIDERIES. JUST OPENED at the Bee Hive, the most complete assortment of Embroideries ever seen in Norfolk, in sets and single pieces, viz:

Magnificent Sets, only \$5, do. do. do. 6, 25 Sets Gimpure giving away at \$2.50, 50 Real Honiton Collars, from \$1 to 2.50, 500 Cambric Collars, prices from 25 cts. to \$1.50 each, 500 Swiss Collars, prices from 25 cents to \$6.00 each, Sleeves at 25 cts, 50, 75, \$1 and \$5 a pair, Cambric Bands, prices from 25 to \$2.50 each, A complete assortment of Swiss and Cambric Edgings and Insertings, Children's Baptismal Robes and Caps, A first rate lot of Embroidered Mourning Pocket Hdk's, to be given away for 50 cents, A complete assortment of Linen Hdk's, Embroidered and Plain.

J. SMITH, No. 33 Main street, Norfolk, Va. ja 15

THE FARMERS' BANK OF NORTH CAROLINA HAS declared a dividend of its profits for the last six months of four per cent., payable to stockholders on and after the 15th inst. By order of the President and Directors. Jan 8—3t

NOTICE. ON the 12th day of February, 1856, if fair, if not the next fair day thereafter, (on the premises) by virtue of a mortgage executed by M. C. Jones on the 10th day of February, 1855, I shall proceed to sell for the purpose of satisfying said mortgage, the following property, to wit: the HOUSE and LOT and STORE on which I formerly resided, in the upper part of Pasquotank County, containing 80 acres, more or less.

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STRAW CUTTERS.

SINCLAIR'S SCREW PROPELLER Straw Cutters, Price \$50. Cut Straw, Stacks, Pooder, and all kinds of feed for stock, in the best manner.

Also our new Straw Cutters, with 1 knife very simple, and cuts all kind of food. Harry's Raw Hide Cutter, Smith's Virginia, &c.

Boston cheap "Daniel's Patent" do all for sale at Factory prices. Wheat and Corn Pans, all sizes and kinds, and prices to suit.

BURTON & McLEAN, Farmer's Head Quarters, No. 11, Main st., Norfolk, Va. aug 1

FLETCHER'S STUDIES ON SLAVERY. Studies on Slavery—in Easy Lessons compiled into light studies, and subdivided into short lessons for the convenience of readers, by John Fletcher.

Barker's Virginia Springs—The Virginia Mineral Springs, with remarks on the general use, &c., by Wm. Burke, M. D.

Moorman's Virginia Springs—The Virginia Springs, comprising an account of all the principal mineral springs of Virginia, with remarks on their nature and medicinal applicability of each, by John Moorman, new edition.

Goode's Hot Springs—Guide to the Hot Springs, Bath County, Va., by Thomas Goode, M. D.

History of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and Ancient Constitutions of Masonry, by John Dove. For sale at

VICKERY & GRIFFITH'S, 19 Main street, Norfolk, Va. je 13

FAN MILLS. FARMERS ARE YOU IN WANT OF FAN MILLS that will separate your Wheat from chaff, clean it, and make it perfectly clean for market, or for seed? If so, send an order to Farmers' Head Quarters, and procure one of Montgomery's Rockaway Fans, sold by those who have tried them to be the best in use—Price \$3.50. We have also on hand Bamberg's Fans, (have taken 54 Premiums.) Sinclair's Fans, Grant's do., Clinton's do., ranging in price from \$13 to \$35. All can be suited in price and quality.

BURTON & McLEAN, No. 11, Water street. aug 7

BUFFALO ROBES. A FULL and FRESH SUPPLY of ALL sizes and qualities, sold very low at the Temple of Fashion.

R. H. STEVENS, Practical Hatter, No. 7 Market Square, Norfolk, Va. dec 4

CHARLES E. LOWTHER, ATTORNEY AT LAW, 100 WATER STREET, GAITHERSBURG, Md.

WILL attend all the Courts of Gates, Hertford, Chowan, Perquimans and Pasquotank counties. In either of the above counties punctually attended to. Jan 24

A FEW MORE LEFT of those splendid Linen, soft finish, cheapest ever seen in Norfolk. Call soon, as they are going off rapidly. The "Bee Hive" is the place.

JAS. SMITH, 33 Main street. ap 17

TEMPLE OF FASHION, NO. 7, MARKET SQUARE, Norfolk, Va.

THE Proprietor is happy to inform the merchants and citizens of the old North State, that his store is now open, and he is prepared to execute every order from one flat to a case in the most fashionable style, and at the shortest possible notice.

Every arrival from the North will add fresh and the most approved styles of gentlemen's HATS, CAPS, CANES, BOYS' CAPS, LADIES' FURS, BUFFALO, WOLF, FOX, ROBE, and DRIVING AND DUCKING GLOVES, and a full and complete assortment is effected. A call from my old friends and customers is solicited.

R. H. STEVENS, Practical Hatter. WOODVILLE, May 1. '55.

MILLINERY, & C. AT Woodville, Perquimans Co., N. C. THE subscriber has just received from the North a super stock of Millinery, consisting of Bonnets, Ribbons, Laces, Ribbons, &c., to which she invites the attention of the ladies of this and the adjoining counties. Her prices are moderate—at least one-half less than the usual profits—and her goods cannot be surpassed in the North. She is desirous of closing out her Spring business as early as possible, and therefore offers bargains. Call early and examine for yourselves.

MRS. E. SIKES. WOODVILLE, May 1. '55.

MORE NEW BOOKS. VICKERY & GRIFFITH are in receipt of the following new works, just issued, viz: My Heavenly Father, by Rev. J. H. Burleigh, A. M.—Price \$1. The South in Italy, by Geo. Stillman Hilliard, 2 vols.—\$2.50.

True Stories from History and Biography, by Nath'l Hawthorne—75c. Tanglewood Tales for Girls and Boys, being second Wonder Book, by Hawthorne—\$75c. A Wonder Book for Boys and Girls, by Nath'l Hawthorne—75c. Autobiographical Sketches, being selections grave and gay, from writings published and unpublished, by Thomas De Quincy—75c.

The Story of an Apple, illustrated, by John Alcott—50c. The above, with many other new works, just published and for sale by VICKERY & GRIFFITH, Norfolk, Va. oc 4

NOTICE. ALL persons having claims against the estate of the late Mrs. McORMINE are requested to present them to the undersigned for payment, and those indebted to the same will please make payment to him without delay.

W. F. MARTIN, Ex'or Dec. 18, 1855—6t.

CITY FASHIONABLE ESTABLISHMENT, 59 Main Street.

MRS. M. A. BUTT respectfully announces the opening of her

WINTER FASHIONS, and a handsome assortment of

FRENCH MILLINERY, on Wednesday, Nov. 21st. As circumstances prevented Mrs. Butt from presenting her bills as usual, at the close of the past season, she earnestly requests those indebted to her to call as early as they can settle.

SALT! SALT! The subscriber has in store and for sale 1000 Bush. St. Ubes Salt, 500 Bush. Cadiz salt.

B. T. MILLER, Broadwater street. nov 20

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BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

VICKERY & GRIFFITH, No. 19 Main street, Norfolk, Va., offer to the city and country trade, the largest stock of Books and Stationery ever before offered in this market.

Believing that the wants of the city and surrounding country, will sustain an establishment conducted on as extensive a scale as those found in the largest cities of the Union, they have been induced greatly to increase their stock, and have, during the last two or three weeks, purchased in the Northern and Eastern markets, (on the very best terms) a large supply of books in every department of literature, together with all foreign and domestic stationery, which they now offer for sale on as good terms as any establishment in the United States, and all together worthy of the patronage of an intelligent community.

KORROIT ACHTERDEGENDE

NORFOLK ADVERTISEMENTS.

ENDRRIES

IRON—available for sale by the subscriber, rough machine, farm, stable, building, coach making, machinists, and all other purposes, round, square, flat, oval, half-round, &c. A very large and complete assortment cast, German, spruing and blacksmith plates, &c.

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